

Shiawassee NWR Fall 2009 Calendar of Events

Every Day Is Green

September 2, 7:00 p.m.

Green Point ELC

Janea Little of Midland's Chippewa Nature Center will encourage those attending to take a look at their environmental footprint and will provide examples of small but concrete steps we can all take to live lightly and more greenly on earth. Admission: \$2, FREE for Friends of Shiawassee NWR members.

Labor Day Holiday – All offices closed

September 6 & 7

Stories from Nature

September 9, 10:00 a.m.

Green Point ELC

A fun-filled story hour for young children and the adults who care for them. Children learn about a different nature theme each month. Bring a blanket.

Open House Weekend

September 12, Daylight Hours Only

Entire Refuge

The entire refuge is open this weekend for hiking, bicycling and deer scouting. Special events taking place today:

7 a.m. – “Early Bird” Guided Bicycle Tour with Park Ranger Tom Horb. Meet at the Ferguson Bayou Trail parking lot.

9 a.m. – Guided Birding Auto Tour with Volunteer Steve Gasser and refuge intern Natasha Urban. Meet at the Ferguson Bayou Trail parking lot.

2 p.m. – Blanding's Turtle Tracking with volunteer Joanna Rogers. Meet at the Ferguson Bayou Nature Trail parking lot.

5:30 p.m. – Guided Bicycle Tour with Park Ranger Tom Horb. Meet at Ferguson Bayou Trail parking lot.

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. – Refuge Photo Contest judging at headquarters.

Open House Weekend

September 13, Daylight Hours Only

Entire Refuge

The entire refuge is open this weekend for hiking, bicycling and deer scouting. Special events taking place today:

7 a.m. – Guided Bicycle Tour with Park Ranger Tom Horb. Meet at the parking lot at west end of Evon Road.

5:30 p.m. – Guided Hike at Old Coal Mine with Park Ranger Tom Horb. Meet at the corner of Hart and Willing Roads in James Township.

The Magnificent White-tailed Deer

September 16, 6:30 p.m.

Green Point ELC

Park Ranger Tom Horb will share his passion for Michigan's white-tailed deer through video footage that he has taken over the past 20 years and his collection of sheds. Participants are welcome to bring their own sheds in to share, too.

Guided Horseback Tour

September 19, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Evon Road parking lot

You provide your own horse and gear. Register by calling Ed DeVries at (989) 777-5930, ext. 13

Guided Hike

September 20, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Ferguson Bayou Trail

(west end of Curtis Road, south of Saginaw, off of M-13)
Hike with Park Ranger Tom Horb. Bring water.

Wildflower Identification Hike

September 26, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Green Point ELC

Volunteer Joanna Rogers will help you learn about some of the late blooming flowers in our area. All ages are welcome. Dress for the weather.

Guided Mountain Bike Tour

September 27, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Woodland Trail

(at the corners of Center and Stroebel Roads)

Join Park Ranger Tom Horb and learn about the history of this coal mining area of the refuge. Mountain bikes are recommended for this trail. Bring water and mosquito spray.

Last Day Green Point is Open on Weekends

September 27

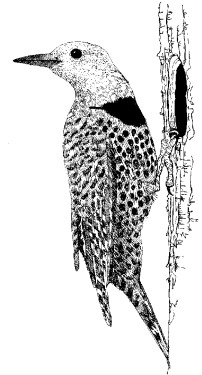
Return to regular hours of Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on September 28.

Bird Identification Hike

October 2, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Green Point ELC

Take an opportunity to see some of the resident birds plus some migrants. No prior bird knowledge is needed. Bring binoculars if you have them. All ages are welcome. Dress for the weather.



Wild Goose Chase Early Packet Pickup

October 2, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Green Point ELC

For runners and walkers who pre-registered for the 5K course.

Wild Goose Chase 5K Run and Walk

October 3, 9:00 a.m.

Ferguson Bayou Trail

(west end of Curtis Road, south of Saginaw, off of M-13)
Registration is 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. race day. Late registration fee is \$15 (no shirts available).

Stories from Nature

October 7, 10:00 a.m.

Green Point ELC

A fun-filled story hour for young children and the adults who care for them. Children learn about a different nature theme each month. Bring a blanket.

Creatures of the Night**October 7, 7:00 p.m.****Green Point ELC**

Meet nocturnal birds and mammals that live in Michigan. Staff from Howell Nature Center will bring several live critters for you to learn about! Admission: \$2, FREE for Friends of Shiawassee NWR members.

Columbus Day Holiday – All offices closed**October 12****Track and Scat Hike****October 17, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.****Green Point ELC**

Volunteer Joanna Rogers will help you to identify signs that animals leave behind, literally. All ages are welcome.

**Nature at Night Hike****October 23, 7:00 p.m.****Green Point ELC**

Experience the sights, sounds, and smells of nature at night. Learn about nocturnal animals and go on a guided hike to listen for owls and other nighttime creatures. Wear dark clothes and bring a flashlight with red filter.

River Walk**October 24, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.****Green Point ELC**

Volunteer Joanna Rogers will teach you about wetlands and waterways, and their ecological and environmental impacts. Plus you get to enjoy some beautiful scenery. All ages are welcome.

Stories from Nature**November 4, 10:00 a.m.****Green Point ELC**

A fun-filled story hour for young children and the adults who care for them. A different nature theme each month.

Michigan's Junior Duck Stamp Program**November 4, 7:00 p.m.****Green Point ELC**

Each year in Michigan, the Junior Duck Stamp competition attracts hundreds of artists in kindergarten through 12th grade. Becky Goche, the refuge's Visitor Services Manager, is the Junior Duck Stamp coordinator for Michigan. She provides an overview of the program and shows this year's winners. Admission: \$2, FREE for Friends of Shiawassee NWR members.

Bird Identification Hike**November 7, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.****Green Point ELC**

Take an opportunity to see some of the resident birds plus some migrants. No prior bird knowledge is needed. Bring binoculars if you have them. All ages are welcome. Dress for the weather.

Veterans Day Holiday – All offices closed**November 11****Live Birds of Prey Program****November 13, 7:00 p.m.****Green Point ELC**

Joe Rogers and his team from Wildlife Recovery Associates will help you learn about Michigan's raptors. Several live birds will be available for you to see. Donations accepted.

Tree Identification Hike**November 14, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.****Green Point ELC**

Enjoy the fall colors and learn why they're there. Volunteer Joanna Rogers will show you other ways to identify trees once the leaves are gone. All ages are welcome.

Let's Get Ready for Winter**November 21, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.****Green Point ELC**

Learn how different animals and plants prepare for the cold times ahead. All ages are welcome. Dress for the weather.

Thanksgiving Day Holiday – All offices closed**November 26****Stories from Nature****December 2, 10:00 a.m.****Green Point ELC**

A fun-filled story hour for young children and the adults who care for them. A different nature theme each month.

Fish of Michigan**December 2, 7:00 p.m.****Green Point ELC**

Tom Lenon of Midland's Chippewa Nature Center will show how to identify fish common to Michigan, and share other interesting information. At 6:00 p.m., an optional fish dinner will be offered, with walleye and whitefish, French fries and slaw catered by Huron Fish of Saginaw. Reservations are limited to 30; the cost is \$12. Call (989) 759-1669 to reserve your spot. Admission for the program only: \$2, FREE for Friends of Shiawassee NWR members.

Snowshoe Hike**December 5, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.****Green Point ELC**

Volunteer Joanna Rogers will teach you how to snowshoe. You are welcome to bring your own or use one of our pairs. Please call (989) 759-1669 to reserve your pair, as we have limited numbers. If there is no snow, there will still be a guided hike. All ages are welcome.

Live Birds of Prey Program**December 5, 2:00 p.m.****Green Point ELC**

Joe Rogers and his team from Wildlife Recovery Associates are back! Several live birds will be available for you to see. Donations accepted.

All programs are FREE unless otherwise noted. For more information call Green Point Environmental Learning Center, (989) 759-1669 or visit the refuge's website at www.fws.gov/midwest/shiawassee